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Here come the grime fighters

Extra enforcement officers brought in

Fly-tippers, litterbugs, graffiti artists and people who allow their dogs to foul are to be targeted by a new team of enforcement officers.

The new team was set up by Waltham Forest Council as part of its Wiping Out Enviro-Crime campaign in response to residents' concerns about environmental crimes in the borough, which costs us all more than £1million a year to clear up.

The eight new officers will focus on fly-tipping hotspots and will work until midnight to deal with fly-tippers and other offenders who traditionally commit their offences under the cover of darkness.

Our residents told us they were sick of people using our streets as a dumping ground, so we've taken action.

In the last year the Council has successfully prosecuted or fined, more than 700 people for offences ranging from fly-tipping to littering, and we expect that figure to increase now we've got these extra officers in place.

The message we want to send out is that Waltham Forest



WE'RE WIPING OUT ENVIRO-CRIME

Enforcement Officers will help stop scenes like this

Waltham Forest is not a soft touch. Fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling will not be tolerated here.

is not a soft touch and crimes such as fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling will not be tolerated here.

The Council's enforcement service was restructured last

year. The shake up saw the abolition of the Street Warden service, the introduction of eight new enforcement officers and the Council part-funding 10 new police officers.

More info

• To report enviro-crimes such as littering, fly-tipping and dog fouling contact Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000 or log on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it

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In my opinion

Teresa Farnham

Resident



Gardens bring out the best in people. Working in the gardens at the Waltham Forest Register Office in Grove Road for some years, we have noticed more community interest in the gardens. Kind residents donate

spare plants and bags of soil, and volunteer to take entrance money for the National Garden Scheme on Spring Bank Holidays. Each year the generosity of garden visitors enables the donations to NGS Cancer Charities to increase.

Creating an established garden has been difficult as most of the flowerbeds are shallow (including buried church building foundations in the rear garden!). It is not easy to dig so plants have been grown from cuttings, finding root run through the hardcore. Local gardeners have developed an interest in the survival and growth of these plants.

If you see a gardener, stop and talk for a few moments, it can be lonely with just the birds and plants to talk to!

The environment has benefited through the garden too. Fifteen years ago when weeding the beds we regularly retrieved large amounts of litter, bottles, cans and paper. Litter has now diminished, whether through extra Council litter bins or that the gardens have matured with few bare patches. However we do have vandals!. Foxes regularly raid local bins and bring waste food into the garden to eat, leaving the wrappings behind. Other wildlife has proliferated and we now have birds, hedgehogs, rare moths, butterflies, hoverflies and many frogs in the rear garden.

Hopefully Open Days have encouraged families to grow their own plants and look at the wildlife. Young visitors learn how to plant seeds and take cuttings. We hope this continues to be encouraged in school as well – maybe they could use the garden for nature study?

The front garden is walked through by many people and, we hope, provides a pleasant interlude while going to appointments and registrations. However, many visitors walk past as if we were invisible. So please, if you see a gardener, stop and talk for a few moments, it can be lonely with just the birds and plants to talk to!

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.



Artists should seek inspiration from Morris and his work

Inspired by William Morris

- Competition gives the chance for your art to be displayed in The William Morris Gallery
- Exhibition aims to show how Morris' work inspires contemporary artists

The William Morris Gallery is looking for London-based professional artists and craftsmen to take part in a show inspired by the life and

work of William Morris.

Artists are asked to create an original piece of work that will be considered for inclusion in the exhibition.

All chosen entries will go

on display as a group show in the autumn, and a winner will be chosen by a panel of prestigious judges.

The winning artist will have their own solo exhibition at the gallery.

Application forms are available from the William Morris Gallery and on the Council website, the deadline for entries is Thursday 1 July 2010.

More info

For more information on how to apply and conditions of entry please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/william-morris or call 020 8496 3000



The winner will get a solo exhibition at the gallery.

Fact file

- Artists are asked to take a photo of their work and submit it along with their entry form.
- There are no constraints on what may be included in the exhibition; both traditional and contemporary works will be considered.
- The William Morris Gallery is the only public gallery devoted to William Morris - designer, craftsman, writer, socialist and conservationist - and displays an internationally important collection illustrating his life, achievements and influence.
- The gallery is open from 10-5pm Wednesday to Sunday.

Waltham Forest News

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Council pledges support for gay community

- New report shows findings from consultation with local gay community
- Plans to raise awareness of reporting hate crimes



The Council has pledged to support the gay community

Waltham Forest Council has today pledged to better support members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in Waltham Forest.

The announcement came as the authority published

a new report, which claims many LGBT residents "passed as straight" in their everyday life to avoid the threat of harassment or personal attack.

"Over the last few months, we have undertaken one of the largest surveys of

its kind in the country, specifically targeting our LGBT community to find out how we can better support their needs," said Cllr Marie Pye, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing.

"The report has established where we need to work to help the LGBT community to thrive and improve their experience of working and living in the borough."

Among the suggestions made in the report are providing more information about how people can report hate crime and providing more opportunities to celebrate the LGBT community locally.

Cllr Pye added: "We work hard in our schools and in

the wider community to educate young people about celebrating differences, but perhaps we are not working hard enough to contact those who actually experience harassment. This report has helped to identify where we are falling short and we can now work to address those issues."

More info

- To read the full report, log on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-engagement or contact the Council's diversity team on 020 8496 3000. If you have experienced hate crime, you can find out how to report it by logging going to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-hate-crime

In brief

New kitchens for primary schools

Twelve of the borough's primary schools are set to receive improved kitchen and dining facilities in a move to encourage more young people to sign up for school meals. Cllr Liaquat Ali, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, announced the £230,000 budget for improvements at a Cabinet meeting in early February. The money has come from the government's Department for Children, Schools and Families.

Each school taking part in the scheme will have to match the Council's funding, which will pay for improved kitchen equipment for the serving staff as well as refurbishment to the schools' canteens.

- For more information, contact the Council's primary school capital team on 020 8496 3000.

Foster carers raise cash

Whipps Cross Hospital's 'Big Push' campaign is £396 better off, thanks to local foster carers. Foster carers from across Waltham Forest raised funds for the campaign – which is aiming to raise £350,000 for antenatal equipment at the hospital – at their Christmas party earlier this year.

Waltham Forest Mayor, Cllr Anna Mbachu, named the campaign as one of her official charities when she took the post last year and received the cheque from members of the Council's foster and adoption service.

- For more information on The Big Push, visit www.whippsx.nhs.uk/thebigpush or to securely donate by card over the telephone, call 020 8535 6818.

Council and church compromise over noise complaint

A church which appealed against a Council noise abatement notice has struck a compromise deal with the Council.

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XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXX, was issued with a noise abatement notice on 5 May last year, ordering it to 'take such steps as necessary to prevent the playing of amplified sound and drums at an excessive volume' after neighbours

complained about the noise coming from the building during worship.

The church appealed and at a case heard at Snaresbrook Crown Court on 8 February, the judge encouraged the church and the Council to negotiate a compromise rather than proceed with a full hearing. As a result the church has agreed to abide by the original notice and will also install a sound limiter by 31 May.

The case arose after the church leaders invited Waltham Forest Council's noise team to assess the noise coming from the church in October 2007. Unfortunately an amicable solution could not be reached and the Council was forced to issue a noise abatement notice in May 2009 after receiving complaints from residents.

The church appealed against the noise abatement notice to Waltham Forest Magistrates' Court, but the appeal was thrown out. The church then appealed to the Crown Court where the judge suggested both sides reach a compromise.

More info

To find out more about the Council's Noise Team ring Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000 or log on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk



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In brief

Science Week in libraries

Waltham Forest Libraries will be marking National Science and Engineering Week with a host of fun activities for children. This year's theme is "Earth" and Walthamstow Library is going bug crazy in celebration. Go along and listen to some of your favourite insect stories and rhymes, make an insect to add to the giant Library Bug wall display and get a chance to handle a real live creepy crawl!

Leytonstone and Higham Hill libraries will also get in on the act, hosting earth-themed story sessions and craft activities throughout the week.

- To find out more about your local library go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries or call 020 8496 3000.



Jazz legend dies

Sir John Dankworth, the jazz legend who grew up in Waltham Forest, has died at the age of 82. The saxophonist, who wrote the theme tune for The Avengers, Tomorrow's World and Modesty Blaise, had been unwell for several months. Sir John was knighted in 2006 for services to music and was married to the singer Dame Cleo Laine for 52 years. Dankworth was a mainstay of the British jazz scene for more than half a century, making regular TV and stage appearances during his career. He was born in Woodford, and attended the George Monoux Grammar School in Walthamstow.

Tudors exhibition

An exciting new exhibition about life in the Tudor times is opening at Vestry House Museum, Walthamstow. The exhibition explores the legacy of the Tudor and early Stuart age and the local magnificent houses of Hill Hall and Copped Hall. It also tells the story of influential Tudors including courtier Sir Thomas Heneage and protestant martyr John Foxe. The Tudors exhibition runs from Sunday 13 March to Sunday 23 May. Vestry House Museum is open from 10am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday and admission is free.

- For more information on Vestry House Museum log on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vestry-house or call 020 8496 3000.

Thesp appeal

Ever fancied yourself as a bit of a singer, dancer or all-round entertainer but haven't known where you might be able to showcase your skills? If so, the Chapel End Savoy Players might be able to help – the group are holding their fourth annual have-a-go night on Saturday 6 March at the Church Of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road, E4 8SP and are looking for folks who're willing to tread the boards as well as those who simply want to pop along to be entertained. The fun kicks off at 7.30pm and it's just a fiver to get in. Contact Jackie Mitchell on gnsjackie@yahoo.com or 07852 928 287.

- For more information on the Chapel End Savoy Players visit www.cesp.org.uk



Young people joined the campaign for extra police officers at City Hall last month

Senior Met officers visit town hall

- Senior police meet Waltham Forest Council to discuss borough's appeal for more officers
- Officers say they will look at issues such as gangs and violent crime

Senior police officers have held face-to-face talks with Waltham Forest Council's leader and chief executive over the borough's campaign for more police officers.

Assistant Commissioner for Territorial Policing Ian McPherson and Newham borough commander Tim Bracken met Cllr Chris Robbins and chief executive Andrew Kilburn at the Town Hall on 11 February.

They agreed to look at the specific issues facing Waltham Forest such as gangs and violent crime.

Cllr Robbins led a delegation of residents to the Metropolitan Police Authority Meeting on January 28 to present a 7,100 petition calling on its Chair, Mayor of London Boris Johnson, to increase the number of police officers in Waltham Forest by 120.

In August last year the Council launched its "We're Calling For Back Up" campaign to address the shortfall in police numbers in the borough.

Waltham Forest has the highest rate of serious crime in London and recorded a 5.9 per cent increase in total

crime between November 2008 and November 2009, when London as a whole saw a 1.7 per cent decrease in total crime.

But despite these statistics, the borough has relatively low levels of policing compared with boroughs which have similar crime profiles. Hackney has virtually the same amount of serious crime, but 195 police officers more than Waltham Forest.

In December last year, Waltham Forest Council announced it was part-funding 10 new police officers to deal with gang related violence, work in schools and reinforcing the High Street Safer Neighbourhood Team. This will cost £400,000.

Fact file

- Waltham Forest Council launched its We're Calling For Back Up campaign in August 2009.
- The Council estimates at least 120 more officers are needed to deal effectively with the crime issues facing Waltham Forest.
- Waltham Forest has the highest serious crime rate (serious crime as a proportion of all crime) in London.
- 52.2 per cent of Waltham Forest's crime is classed as serious. i.e more people are a victim of serious crime than non-serious crime.
- Waltham Forest has the eighth highest rate of serious crime in London (out of 32 boroughs) per 1,000 of population.
- Waltham Forest has the fourth highest rate of serious crime per police officer in London.

More info

To find out more about the We're Calling For Back Up Campaign log on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/backup



Bremer pupils stand to attention

- Pupils at the engineering school show their skills to Royal Engineers
- RAF officers encourage more girls to consider a career in the force

Pupils at Frederick Bremer School, Waltham Forest's only specialist engineering school, got to pit their wits against the best of them earlier this month, when the Royal Engineers came to town.

The army officers helped deliver quite a topical lesson to Year 9 engineering students on 9 February; tasking them to build temporary bridges – a feat many a Royal Engineer found themselves tackling

last year when several villages in the country were isolated during floods.

The following day, officers from the Royal Air Force also paid Frederick Bremer a visit, this time specifically to demonstrate the wide array of careers available in the RAF for women.

On the day, female pupils were given a presentation about what life is like in the RAF, and took part in a question and answer session.

Corporal Paul Messer, of the RAF, said: "The armed forces, or indeed engineering as a whole, can sometimes be thought of as quite a male-dominated industry but that's not the case.

"The skills that students can learn at school these days can set them in great stead for a creative career in engineering, male or female.

"If the RAF can

demonstrate some of the more exciting aspects of engineering and perhaps get more young people involved, then it's a good thing."

Year 9 pupil Aida, added: "One of the best things about Frederick Bremer is the equipment and facilities we've got for lessons like engineering and construction. It's great to be able to have a real hands-on experience in class.

"It's funny, you think of the army and RAF and you think of men. Today was really good to open up our eyes, teach us to work together as a team and let us see that the option is there for girls, too."

More info

For more information on Frederick Bremer School, contact them direct on 020 8498 3340.



Pupils learn how to set up an RAF base

In brief

Library fines amnesty

Are you late taking your books back to the library and worried about paying the fines?

Well worry not; in the spirit of celebrating World Book Day, Waltham Forest Libraries are having a three-day fine amnesty from Thursday 4 to Saturday 6 March.

Readers are encouraged to return all overdue items and have the fines waived.

To qualify for the fines amnesty you must bring the items back to the library in person.

- For more information on Waltham Forest Libraries go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries or call 020 8496 3000.

Teenage talent

Waltham Forest youngsters brought the house down with their comedy and dancing when they showed off their talent at the Hackney Empire last month.

The variety show "Play the Empire", was staged on Sunday 31 January and included entertaining acts, presented by hand-picked young performers from the five Olympic host boroughs. E-Motionz, a community dance group from the Outset Centre, Walthamstow, wowed the gallery with their street beats, alongside aspiring stand-up comedian Ben Sarpong also of Walthamstow. "If you have a goal, you go for it," 18-year-old Ben said. "The show gave me the chance to be on stage and improve my skills."

- The show was funded by the London Development Agency. For more information, visit www.ida.gov.uk or call 020 7593 8000.

You are invited to Launch of the Waltham Forest WellComm Partnership

Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, Chingford, E4 7EN
10th March 2010 - 10.30am to 2.30pm

Come along to this free event on 10th March to find out about what many Local Voluntary Organisations do including:

- Age Concern Waltham Forest
- Waltham Forest Mencap
- Disability Action Waltham Forest
- Waltham Forest Carers

Also find out how to volunteer

Tea and coffee available

There will be a performance of the Attic theatre Company's production of 'Ma Kelly's Doorstep', a play which demonstrates simple tips on how to beat the burglar and stay safe in your own home. This initiative is funded by the Home Office with match funding from the Metropolitan Police

Waltham Forest WellComm is a **strong, vibrant, diverse, inclusive** partnership of local voluntary sector organisations and groups committed to improving the wellbeing of adults in our diverse community.

For further information or to book please contact Gabriele Jerome on 0208 539 8356 or e-mail g.jerome@ageconcernwff.org.uk
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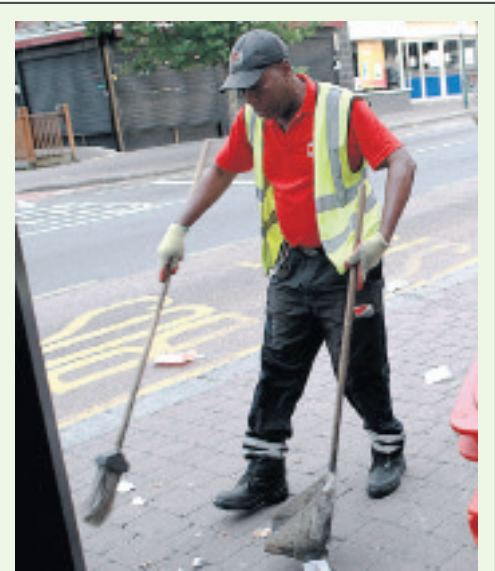
Our Environment

In brief

Paint it fun

So you've just given the living room a fresh lick of paint and have got a couple of tins of magnolia left over. What to do? Why not donate them to the industrious folks at Forest Recycling Project (FRP)? They'll take it off your hands and make sure it doesn't go to waste by passing it on to community groups, charities and voluntary organisations who need to do their own decorating. You can collect or donate paint from FRP's premises at 2c Bakers Avenue, Walthamstow E17 9AW Monday - Thursday, 10am to 4pm.

- To find out more, visit www.frponline.org.uk or contact paint@frponline.org.uk / 020 8539 9076.



Cracking down on litter

Waltham Forest Council has revealed the cost of cleaning up after secondary school pupils runs to £250,000 a year. Extra sweeping rounds were scheduled in and around the borough's secondary schools following complaints from residents who said that the roads they used every day were always dirty. The roads are now swept twice a day from 6am and 2pm in a bid to keep the streets tidier. The council is also looking to introduce a scheme to discourage children from littering.

- For more information on street cleansing visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk or ring the Council on 020 8496 3000.

Gardeners' world

As the weather ever-so-slowly begins to brighten up, many of the borough's green-fingered types will be heading into their gardens or allotments to clear up after the heavy winter. If that sounds like you, remember that once you've dug up those pesky weeds and lopped off any dead branches you can put them in your brown bin along with your kitchen scraps to be made into compost for parks, gardens and community spaces around Waltham Forest. Cllr Bob Belam said: "If you've not yet got your own brown bin just get in touch with us and we'll have one delivered just as soon as we can."

- To find out more about the Council's green waste collection scheme, or to order your brown bin, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling or call 020 8496 3000.



Street performers entertain at the launch of the Love your borough awards.

Love your borough awards

- Say 'thank you' to those who've made Waltham Forest a better place
- Make your nomination by Monday 10 May to show your appreciation

As regular readers will be aware, last year saw the launch of our Wiping Out Enviro-Crime campaign. This saw the Council clamping down on the handful of residents intent on making Waltham Forest a pigsty.

While we're still committed to holding these people to account, this year sees the launch of our Love your borough awards to celebrate the many people who are doing their best to make our borough a better place to live.

If you know of a community-spirited individual, business or group then tell us, in no more than 500 words, why they should win a Love your borough award.

Cllr Bob Belam, Waltham Forest's Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "While many of our residents are doing their bit to reduce, reuse and recycle there are some who are really going above and beyond. These awards celebrate those groups or individuals who've made an effort to improve

life for all of us and let them know that all their hard work has been recognised." There are ten categories:

- 1) Waltham Forest Mayor's citizen of the year
- 2) Improving your neighbourhood
- 3) Making Waltham Forest safer
- 4) Business champion
- 5) Health and well-being
- 6) Working together
- 7) Public engagement and

partnership

- 8) Arts and culture
- 9) Go Green schools award
- 10) Pride of Waltham Forest.

There'll be £250 for each winner and separate prizes for the Go Green schools award (nominations for which are currently closed as schools have already signed up), so if you'd like to show your appreciation why not make a nomination?

More info

The closing date for nominations is Monday 10 May and the awards will take place on Thursday 1 July. To find out more, or to make a nomination, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough or contact Corinne Hurn on corinne.hurn@walthamforest.gov.uk / 020 8496 3000.



Cllr. Bob Belam at the Love your borough awards launch.

WE'RE WIPING OUT ENVIRO-CRIME

Fairtrade Fortnight

In brief



Companies pay sustainable prices to the farmers (which must never fall lower than the market price), enabling them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.

As consumers, many of us are already familiar with Fairtrade fruit, tea and coffee, but there is a wide range of products that we could be buying to support workers and tackle poverty.

This Fairtrade Fortnight sees a new idea launched called The Big Swap. The idea is that for two whole weeks you swap your usual shopping for Fairtrade produce. Swap your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, your usual cotton socks for Fairtrade cotton socks, and your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. This means that every time you go shopping, you can use your

wallet to make a stand.

"Fairtrade offers producers in the developing world a fair price for their product and better working conditions, as well as sustainable working practices," says Brian Madican, Chair of the Waltham Forest Fairtrade Campaign Group. "I would encourage everyone to join in The Big Swap this year during Fairtrade Fortnight and swap the products you normally buy like bananas, tea and chocolate for Fairtrade bananas, tea and chocolate, which are now widely available in shops and supermarkets throughout Waltham Forest."

More info

For more information about fairtrade fortnight go online to: www.fairtrade.org.uk



A wheelie good idea

The London Cycling Campaign is offering community groups and organisations the chance to bid for grants of up to £10,000 to promote cycling in their local area. The cash can be spent on bikes, training and other necessities to help boost the uptake and popularity of cycling. Since the LCC began administering the funding in 2007 it has channelled over £500,000 into projects that help local communities go green, keep fit and, above all, have fun. So if your group has a bright idea as to how it can put pedal power into full effect, make sure to get your bid in when applications open on March 8.

• For more information visit www.lcc.org.uk

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Fundraiser Flexible

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Afzal Akram, Chair, NHS Waltham Forest



Welcome to your NHS Waltham Forest Page

This week we look at a 'dramatic' turn of events at a local school for our Stop Smoking Service in the run up to No Smoking Day. We'd also like to encourage even more residents to help us with an important consultation about the future of health services in our region and we highlight an interesting advance on the web that gives you information about your treatment that you know you can trust. We'll keep you up to date with all the latest NHS news right here in Waltham Forest News.



Waltham Forest



Coughing Colin gets a telling off during the performance at Larkwood Primary School

NO SMOKING DAY

Children from Larkwood Primary School were recently treated to a drama session about how hard it can be for members of their families to stop smoking. With the help of actors and a six foot cigarette called 'Coughing Colin', the youngsters watched the performance and then asked questions about why people start smoking and how hard it can be to stop.

NHS Waltham Forest Stop Smoking Service has also joined forces with the Chingford school to hold a new stop smoking group, starting this week, for relatives of pupils, and other smokers in the community, who want to take the first step to being smokefree for themselves and their families.

The group will meet for seven weeks, starting this Saturday, 27 February, from 10-11.30am. It is open to anyone over the age of 12 connected to the school, parents/carers, staff, relatives and local residents.

Smokers attending the group will receive four weeks nicotine replacement (e.g. patches, gums or

inhalators) free of charge, plus a further eight weeks on prescription. The Stop Smoking Service has also been visiting the school playground to talk to parents and carers about the new group and about what help and support is available to smokers.

This year's No Smoking Day is on Wednesday 10 March. There's no better time to get the free help and support that's available in Waltham Forest and finally break free from an expensive, unhealthy habit. Last year's No Smoking Day 2009 saw an impressive 900,000 people kick the habit, so with the support of your local Stop Smoking Team, why not be one of them this year.

■ If you would like to join the Larkwood group, book your free place now by calling Janet on 020 8430 7443 or text GROUP to 0791 9544683 or email stopsmoking.admin@wfpct.nhs.uk

■ For free help and advice from the Stop Smoking Team, call 020 8430 7443.

Health for north east London

Every year hundreds of people die prematurely in north east London from poor healthcare. We want to improve the health of the people of north east London and make sure they receive high-quality services.

We want to ensure children and adults receive high-quality hospital care to complement the increasing amount of care now available in health centres, polyclinics, GP surgeries, pharmacies and other local health centres.

In recent months, doctors and other health professionals have developed plans and invested in more care in local communities.

Many health services, such as minor surgery, x-rays, blood tests and care for long-term conditions, once only available in hospital, can now be provided closer to home and there are plans to move more

of them closer to where people live.

We are currently asking people across our area what they think about the proposals which include:

- Improving urgent care and A&E services

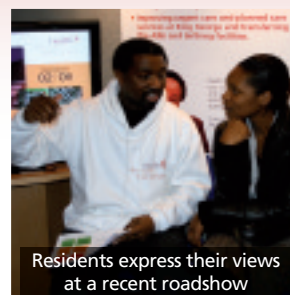
- Better quality maternity services
- Improved children and young people's services
- Reduced numbers of planned operations that are cancelled.

We want to know what you think and would ask you to

look at the proposals and fill in a questionnaire with your views.

The consultation document, with the proposals and the questionnaire can be found in local libraries or online at: www.healthfornel.nhs.uk

Please take a few minutes to help us improve hospital and community care, improve the health of our population and, ultimately, save lives www.healthfornel.nhs.uk



Residents express their views at a recent roadshow

Your online Map of Medicine

Many of us have turned to the internet to help with a health problem at one time or another. Perhaps you've stumbled across a supposed 'wonder drug' for your symptoms, or read about a new course of treatment being trialled somewhere.

If you have ever wondered if you or your family are getting the most appropriate treatment for your health problems, then Map of Medicine is for you.

Map of Medicine is an online service you can trust. It gives a summary of the best practice in medicine and the steps that your doctor will take when treating you. An A-Z of health conditions covers everything from acne to wrist fractures and is available via the NHS Choices website at: www.nhs.uk. Just look for the 'Also on NHS Choices' links at the bottom of the home page.

Doctors get hundreds of regular updates on new treatments and best practice and the Map team of doctors reviews and summarises them in a way that shows the best, most up to date treatment for the patient.

Waltham Forest GPs, and Whipps Cross Hospital consultants, have worked together to make some of the 'pathways' on the Map more pertinent to local people. They have included the steps they need to take to help patients access the right services across the borough for conditions such as anxiety and indigestion.

If you want to investigate your problem before you go to see your GP, check out Map of Medicine. You'll know that it is not crank advice, but is the best available medical practice. Just go to: www.nhs.uk

You can find out more about health services in your area by visiting our website: www.walthamforest.nhs.uk or calling our Patient Advice & Liaison (PALS) service on 020 8539 3939. For general health advice go the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk

Your area, your say

Get involved in decision making

Waltham Forest Community Council meetings give you a chance to meet your ward councillors, Safer Neighbourhood Team, a representative from Ascham Homes and other local residents. You can speak about local issues that concern you and ask questions about council services. Council officers follow-up comments and bring feedback to the next meeting.

Each Community Council has a small annual budget which is used to benefit the local community. More than 40 local projects were allocated funding in the last two years and over 50 local voluntary groups and organisations also received funding.

Come along to your next meeting and hear about how you can put your suggestion forward.

Your next meeting:

Walthamstow West 1 March 2010
Coppermill Primary School,
Edward Road, Walthamstow E17 6PB

Leytonstone 8 March 2010
Buxton School (Primary Phase),
formerly Cann Hall Primary School,
Cann Hall Road, Leytonstone E11 3NN

Leyton and Whipps Cross 11 March 2010
Norlington School for Boys,
Norlington Road, Leyton E10 6JZ

North Chingford 15 March 2010
Heathcote School, 96 Normanton Park, Chingford E4 6ES

South Chingford and Highams Park 18 March 2010
Selwyn Primary School, Cavendish Road,
Highams Park E4 9NG

Walthamstow and Lea Bridge 22 March 2010
South Grove Primary School, Ringwood Road,
Walthamstow E17 8PW



All residents are welcome, just come along.

Meetings start at 7.30pm, free refreshments from 7.15pm.

All venues are wheelchair accessible with an induction loop provided. Information is available in large print, Braille and on audiotape on request. Community language, British Sign Language interpreters and childcare facilities can also be provided. We require at least three weeks notice for BSL interpreters, and at least one week for other services.

For more information, including which Community Council you belong to and directions to the venues, call Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-councils

Waltham Forest



Get out and about on a guided cycle ride

Spin cycles

- Two great new ride outs for local cyclists
- Docklands Museum, Olympic Stadium and new daffodils among the sights



Cyclists desperate to get out on their bikes after the recent bad weather could do worse than join two themed rides, organised by the borough's Sports Development Team in the coming weeks.

First up is the Docker's Tanner ride on Sunday 28 February – a 17 mile, round trip, guided cycle ride from Walthamstow to the Docklands Museum and back including a visit of the museum and opportunity

for a packed or cafe lunch. The ride starts at 9am at Walthamstow Library with an estimated return time, hopefully via the Olympic Stadium site, of 2-3pm.

The ride is open for anyone with a roadworthy bicycle, though under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Although most of the route is off road or on quiet roads, you will need experience of cycling on the road. However, we go at a gentle pace and no special level of fitness is required and we adapt the speed to the slowest rider and pause on demand. Depending on attendance we may also split into a faster and a slower group as we

go along. As a guide kids as young as eight have done similar trips using a decent size bike.

Our second ride is The Great Enfield Daffodil ride from Walthamstow Library to Enfield parks with daffodils in bloom on Sunday 21 March, 9am-3pm. A ride leader is provided along with a back marker, who will know the route and help with any problems, but cyclists will be responsible for their own safety.

More info

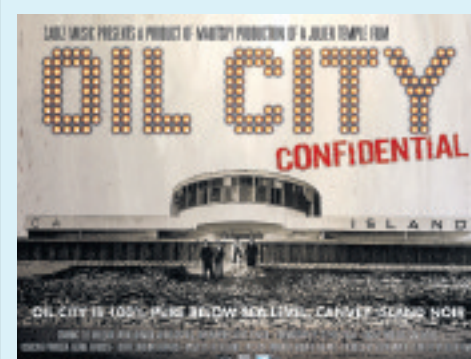
For more information about these rides, call the Sports Development Team on 020 8496 3000.

In brief

New football club for Leyton

Leyton Green FC, a new community football club which trains at Leyton Youth centre, is looking for players, ahead of joining the Amateur Football Combination league later this year. The club is currently playing friendlies. "We need committed players who respect each other and their opponents," says manager, Chris Corben. "We have a good basis of a squad but we need more players." The club trains on a Monday evening and is hoping to add a Thursday session too. Players must be over 16, but there are no upper age restrictions. "It would even be good to sign up a few dads and their sons – everyone is welcome," adds Chris.

- For more information about the club call Chris on 0787 6370311



A Wilko a Day...

With a new, Julien Temple directed, Dr Feelgood film just released called 'Oil City Confidential', there may be a few extra r&b and blues fans at the Standard Venue on Friday 5 March to see Feelgoods' original guitarist, Wilko Johnson, strutting his stuff. Wilko is a regular gigger in E17 and his trademark machine-gun telecaster set never fails to put a smile on your face and a rhythm in your boots. Expect a mixture of classics such as 'Back In The Night' and 'Down At The Doctor's' along with newer material. Possibly the best pub band you'll see in Walthamstow this year.

- The Standard is opposite Blackhorse Road tube station. Call 020 8527 1966 for more information and prices.

Diversity dance for Haven House

Waltham Forest News understands that Diversity, winners of Britain's Got Talent 2009, have agreed to become Patrons of Haven House Children's Hospice. The 11 members of the dance group hail from East London and recently performed to raise funds for the Hospice which is largely reliant on the local community for funding. Haven House helps to looking after children and their families in Central and North East London and West Essex.

Group choreographer, Ashley, said: "Because Haven House helps so many children, teenagers and parents with varying illness and disabilities it is very close to all of Diversity and something we strongly believe is worthy of the support."

Family Information Service - Surgeries

Come and speak to one of our officers regarding information on services for children, young people and their families in Waltham Forest. If you require an appointment please call the Family Information Service on **020 8496 3000** or you can just pop in.

Chingford

Dates	Venue	Time
Tuesday 2 March 2010 Tuesday 6 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 265 Chingford Mount Road Chingford E4 8LP	10am– 12noon

Leyton – in partnership with Riverley & Sybourn Children Centre

Dates	Venue	Time
Wednesday 24 February 2010 Monday 1 March 2010 Wednesday 3 March 2010 Wednesday 31 March 2010 Wednesday 7 April 2010 Monday 12 April 2010 Wednesday 28 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 774-776 High Road Leyton E10 6AE	10am– 12noon

Walthamstow

Dates	Venue	Time
Friday 12 March 2010 Friday 2 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 137 Hoe Street Walthamstow E17 4RT	2.30pm– 4.30pm

Dates	Venue	Time
Thursday 15 April 2010	Walthamstow Central Library, High Street Walthamstow E17 7JN	10am– 12noon

Dates	Venue	Time
Wednesday 17 March 2010	Wood Street Health Centre 6 Linford Road Walthamstow E17 3LA	10am– 12noon and 2pm–4pm

Leytonstone

Dates	Venue	Time
Thursday 4 March 2010 Thursday 1 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 819 High Road Leytonstone E11 1HQ	10am– 12noon

Family Information Service opening hours

Monday 9am - 5.15pm **Tuesday 9am - 6.30pm** **Wednesday 8am - 5.15pm**
Thursday 9am - 6.30pm **Friday 9am - 5.15pm**

Visit Us

Waltham Forest Family Information Service
Silver Birch House, Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow E17 5SD

Tel: 020 8496 3000 **Fax:** 020 8496 3599 **Email:** wffis@walthamforest.gov.uk





A new bridge will help pedestrians get to the Olympic Park safely

GETTING MORE FROM THE GAMES Bridging the gap

- Borough lobbies Olympic chiefs for additional funding
- New bridge would improve safety and ease of access for pedestrians and cyclists

One of the main ways we want to get more from the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games is to ensure our residents can get to and from the Olympic Park quickly, easily and safely.

To make this happen, the Council is currently busy lobbying the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) for money to build a pedestrian and cycle bridge alongside the existing bridge on Ruckholt Road in Leyton, one of the key routes into the Olympic Park. This new bridge would complement the existing one which, whilst functional for motorists, is not ideal for people wanting

to make their way to the site in a more healthy manner.

Surveying the site, Leader of the Council Cllr Robbins said: "Some 40,000 of our residents live within half a mile of the Olympic Park and we need to make sure they can get there quickly and safely.

"As well as making sure local people get to see the Olympic spectacle itself we also want them to reap the benefits of the Olympic Park in the long-term, which includes plans for two hockey pitches, ten tennis courts, ten football pitches and a mountain bike trail on Eton Manor alone."

With a strong case, a lot of willpower and no small amount of hard work, the Council is now seeking additional funding from the ODA to make this plan a reality – watch this space for further news on the 2012 story and how Waltham Forest is going to get more from the Games.

More info

For more information on how we're getting more from the Games visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012games

In brief



E11 BID success

Last year Waltham Forest News reported on a Home Office scheme which aimed to help shopkeepers beat retail crime by offering grants for security equipment. The scheme has well and truly paid off for businesses in Leytonstone, with the Leytonstone Business Improvement District (E11 BID) receiving a £50k grant to pay for a new CCTV system in the town centre. Fawaad Shaikh, Chairman of the E11 BID, said: "This is a project that never would have happened without that and the businesses have supported us 100 per cent. It's so crucial for a town centre and its retailers to feel secure and this project will help us do that."

• For more information about the E11 BID visit www.e11bid.co.uk

Fit Club Project Open for applications

As part of the Fit Club project small grants are being awarded to organisations that deliver sport and physical activity programmes to the local community.

The aim is to increase the number of people participating in sport and physical activities among traditionally low-participation groups. Fit Club is particularly targeting over 45s, women and girls, families and those who are new to sport.

For further information and for an application pack:

Melanie Summers
Sports & Leisure
Children and Young People Services
Silver Birch House, Uplands Business Park
Blackhorse Lane
Walthamstow E17 5SD
Tel: 020 8496 3695
Email: melanie.summers@walthamforest.gov.uk

The proposed timetable is as follows:
Closing date for return of documentation:
March 31 2010
Evaluation of applications: **April 2010**

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/fit-club



What's On

Sports and fitness

Capoeira classes

Every Wednesday, 7pm.
26 – 28 Hatherley Mews, Walthamstow. Capoeira game is taught, movements and sequences of attack and defence, also music, ritual, songs and acrobatics. Open to all, lessons £5. **Contact Will Ouriço on 07852 201014 or missionchild@mac.com with any queries or visit www.senzalaourico.com.**

Friendly Badminton Club

Every Friday 8.30-10.30pm.
St Anne's Church, 200 Larkwood Road, Chingford. We are looking for new members – no complete beginners. **Give us a try. More details from 020 8524 4069.**

Highams Park Fencing Club

Wednesday evenings at Trinity School (Lower Site), Off Sydney Road, Woodford Green. Juniors 6-7.30pm Adults from 7.30- 9.15pm
A local club for anyone wanting to experience the sport of fencing. Formed by a group of keen amateurs, the club offers a relaxed, friendly atmosphere with a wide age group from 7-65 years of age, and with professional tuition for fencers of all levels by qualified instructors. Beginners welcome. Adults: £4.50 per session for non-members and £3 for members (annual membership £35). Juniors: £2.50 per session for non-members and £1.75 for members (annual membership £17.50). **For further information, Email Ian Lepley, Highams Park Fencing Club Chairman, enquiries@hpfc.org.uk or call him on 01992 610 295 between 7and 9pm. or visit our website http://www.hpfc.org.uk**

Swimming

Tritons Swim School provide swimming lessons at for all ages at Forest School, Snarebrook, and have classes over the winter term, Spring Term and summer term. Detailed information and updates on our lessons can be obtained from <http://tritonsswimschool.blogspot.com>, or email from info@tritons.org.uk or telephone on 020 85217192.

Waltham Forest Swimming Club

Monday and Friday evenings.
Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Walthamstow. **Wednesday evenings**



at Larkshall Leisure Centre, Leytonstone. Learn to swim, keep fit, compete or have fun. **For more details call Esther on 07931 592453 or email hillhousehold@btinternet.com**

Shotakan Karate

Every Wednesday, 5pm-6.30pm
St Francis Hall, Hawwood Crescent, Chingford. Keep fit and learn to defend yourself at our friendly fun club. Parents welcome to train with children aged four and upwards. Classes for beginners and more advanced levels, so don't be shy - come along and try. **For more information call Jacqueline on 07812 562113.**

Tell us what's on

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Clubs and community

Community Health Event

Saturday 27 February, 11am - 3pm.
The Asian Centre, Orford Road, Walthamstow. Health checks, free food, advice sessions, bouncy castle. Free event for the entire family
More information from www.theasiancentrefw.org.uk

Table Top Sale

Saturday 27 February, 11am.
Redwood Pre-School, The Bell Centre, 3 Holloway Road, Leytonstone. Cost per table top space £5 (no food sellers)
Plus games and activities for children under 8 years. Everyone Welcome.
More details from 020 8539 8559

Over 60s Club

Emmanuel Ark Fellowship For Over 60s. **Fridays 12.30 -3pm.** Emmanuel Church Hall, Hitcham Road, Walthamstow. Lunchtime club with home cooked food, exercise, dance and lots more. £4 a meal. **Book lunch with Harry on 020 8558 9390.**

Cann Hall CAN! Community Launch Event

Saturday 27 February, 11am - 3pm
Buxton School (formerly Cann Hall Primary), Cann Hall Road, Leytonstone. Including energy roadshow, opportunity to sign up for free home energy audits, films about climate change, gardening information and planting vegetable seeds. Walthamstow Historical Society 'The London way of death'.
Thursday 11 march, 7.30pm
Main Hall, Greenleaf Road Baptist Church, Greenleaf Road



Walthamstow (just off Hoe Street opposite Ye Olde Rose & Crown pub). Joyce Hewitt and David McCarthy will offer a fascinating look at the changing customs and traditions surrounding funerals.

The meeting is free to the Society's members but there is a charge of £1.50 for visitors. No booking required. **For further information call 07792 750017.**

Waltham Forest Bridge Club

Monday and Thursday evenings, 7:30pm. Quaker Hall, 1a Jewell Road, Walthamstow (just off Hoe Street towards Bell Corner)
A small and friendly club offering a warm welcome. Bridge classes available. **For more information contact John on 07873 880080, Andy at ah132780@ntlworld.com or look on our website <http://www.bridgewebs.com/walthamforest/>.**

Cactus and Succulent

Meetings on second Friday of each month at 7.30pm. British Cactus and Succulent Society Waltham Forest Branch. C.H.S. Hall Larkshall Road, (Opposite Dale View Crescent).
Programme and details, John Jackson Telephone 8529 5518

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Culture and crafts

Sweeney Todd

Tuesday 23 February – Saturday 13 March, 7.30pm. Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre, 53 Hoe Street, Walthamstow. All Star Productions present Sweeney Todd - a musical thriller. Don't miss this opportunity to see this fringe revival by the acclaimed team that brought you NINE last year. Tickets priced £8-£12, depending on performance date. **Book online at www.allstarpro.co.uk or by calling 020 8509 3880.**

Starlighter Theatre Company

Starlighters are open to new members. If you fancy joining a long established friendly, local, amateur dramatics company then give Don a call on 020 8520 0700.

Word up Walthamstow

Saturday 27 February, 7.30pm.

Ye Olde Rose & Crown Theatre Pub, 53-55 Hoe St, Walthamstow. In the second in a series of quarterly Saturday night shows, comedy, spoken word, risqué rhyming and (unplugged) indie music are on offer upstairs at the re-vamped E17. Experienced Chingford-based comedy performance poet Neal Zetter compères an evening featuring: MC Angel - urban and gritty poetic princess, Nick Card - suave spoken-worder all the way from Wakefield, SuperPennie - lippy laureate performing tracks from her new CD, Georgia Strand – a rising star of the indie-folk scene, Carmina - amusing and amazing poetry and odes, plus floor spots from Karolina (songs and keyboards) and Stimson (first time rhymers). Tickets just £5 can be bought on the night or in advance from the box office on 020 8509 3880.

For more details see: www.roseandcrowntheatrepub.webeden.co.uk or www.myspace.com/nealzettercomedyperformancepoet

Rock 'n' Roll

Saturday 27 February, 7.30-11.45pm. Orford Road Social Club, 73 Orford Road, Walthamstow. A Freddy Boy Rock 'n' Roll Dance with live band, The Debonaires and DJ Robbie spinning the decks. Entrance £10 on the door. **Info: 07930 544312 or 07930 620012.**

Luna Fringe - MIX3

Thursday 25 February, 8pm.
Luna Lounge, 7 Church Lane, Leytonstone. The second 'Luna Fringe' of the new 2010 season at the Luna Lounge in Leytonstone continues with an exciting combination of musicians and visual artists. Filmmaker Ian Bourn will be introducing work by the eminent UK video and sound Artist, Graeme Miller. This month's musicians are internationally recognised talents of the improvised music scene.



£ 5/£4 concessions. **Info from 07852 736738 or 01707 284616 (daytime)**

Acoustic music session

Last Tuesday of every month 8.15pm. Old time American-style music upstairs at The Birkbeck Tavern 45 langthorne road leyton.
For more details contact paul_warner@ntlworld.com or 0799 0737 539.

Blues jam

Every Wednesday, 8.30-11.30pm
A lively blues jam featuring guests, regulars and house band musicians. The Coach and Horses, 391 High Road, Leyton. Entrance £2 for listeners, £1 for musicians. All welcome. Singers and Drummers especially welcome. **Visit www.coachandhorsesbluesjam.com or tel Vera/Terry on 0208 502 0351.**

East Side Jazz Club

Tuesdays 23 February, 8.30-11pm.
The Lord Rookwood pub, 314 Cann Hall Road, Leytonstone. John Altman All Star Big Band. Admission £5.
More information 020 8989 8129.

Community Choir

Lost your voice? Then come and find it at the Singing Room with a local Community Choir. For the confident, not so confident and positively petrified! It's sociable, fun and develops your vocal skills! Everyone welcome. **For more details call Anna on 07931372996 or email: anna@music-makers.info**

Sequence Tea Dance Club

Thursday afternoons, 1pm – 3.30pm. Leyton Parish Hall, Lindley Road, Leyton. Afternoon Sequence Tea Dances with tuition. £2.50 per person, tea and biscuits included. **Call 020 8524 0384 or email cmudd60@yahoo.co.uk for more information.**



Football League) and developing environmental projects (improving open spaces etc). **ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME!**

Highams Park Youth Club

Every Tuesday (term time). 7.30 - 9.30 at Winchester Road Methodist Church. Come along and enjoy table tennis, pool, Wii Games and more. Meet with friends old and new. All young people age 13 - 17 welcome.

Youth Computer Club / Study Support Group

Thursdays, 5.30pm - 7.30pm (term time). Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, South Countess Road, Walthamstow. Circle 33 Housing Trust and Waltham Forest Youth Services present a free supervised club for young people young people aged 13 - 19 for help with homework, projects etc. **For more information email gulsun.faik@circleanglia.org or call 020 8531 9990.**

Youth Football Sessions

Mondays, 4pm - 5pm (8-11yrs) and 5pm - 6pm (12-16yrs) Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, South Countess Road Walthamstow. Circle 33 Housing Trust has teamed up with Leyton Orient Community Sports to put on free football sessions for young boys and girls. Just turn up and play! **For more information email gulsun.faik@circleanglia.org or call 020 8531 9990.**

Stories, fun and games at Walthamstow Library

Every Thursday, 10.30am Walthamstow Library, High Street, Walthamstow. Fun time for youngsters.

Story Time at Higham Hill Library

Every Tuesday, 11.30am. Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road, Walthamstow. Story time for youngsters.

Story Time at Lea Bridge Library

Every Wednesday, 2pm - 3pm Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton. Fun and stories for youngsters.

Walthamstow Toy Library

Tues - Fri 10-12pm under 5s. Tues 1.30-3.30pm under 18 months The Walthamstow Toy Library and Play Centre, Comely Bank

Community Clinic, 46 Ravenswood Road, Walthamstow. Toys, books and videos are available for loan for two weeks at a time. Play sessions include messy play, arts and crafts, outside play area, healthy snacks, story and song time.

More info contact: 020 8509 3401 manager@walthamstowtoylibrary.org

Parent and Baby Yoga

5 week courses running at Walthamstow Toy Library on Monday afternoons. 1245-1345 for babies aged 6 weeks to 5 months and 1345-1445 for babies aged 5 months and over. **For more details and to book a place please contact walthamstowvillageyoga@hotmail.co.uk or call 07939 607853.**

Tell us what's on
Call 020 8496 3000



Council Meetings

Tuesday 23 February

Mobility Forum 6.30pm

Wednesday 24 February

Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday 25 February

Full Council

Friday 26 February

Local Strategic Partnership Board 2pm

Tuesday 2 March

Planning Committee
Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Wednesday 3 March

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall unless stated otherwise, and start at 7.30pm.



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Children and Young People

Stretch and grow

Friday mornings. The Woodside Children's Centre, Wood Street, Walthamstow. Exercise and activities for children aged six months to five years. 9.30am - 10.15am for children 18 months - 3 years and 10.15am - 11.00am for children 3 - 5 years. £1 per family. For more details call 020 8509 4375.

Dance for Children

'Give A Wiggle' - Creative Dance for Children. Every Monday, 4.15-5pm and 5.05-5.50pm. Modern College of Music and Drama, 22 Orford Road, Walthamstow. Lively and fun movement classes for children aged 5/6 and 7/8 years.

For more information and to book a place please call Bettina on 07904 904166.

Waltham Forest Youth Federation

Second Wednesday of every month, 5.00 pm. Walthamstow Town Hall. An independent organisation led by young people, aiming to make the borough safer for young people (mapping crime hotspots, monitoring stop and search), improving access to youth activities (running a Fairplay

Will you be voting in this year's elections?

Are you registered to vote? If not, it is not too late to add your name. Waltham Forest Council's Electoral Services are hand delivering voter confirmation letters to your door over the next few weeks.

Don't ignore this letter!
Open it.
Read it.



- If all the details are correct then there is nothing more you need to do.
- If you are eligible and need to register to vote, or there are other changes to be made, please give details on the form with the letter and send it back to us.

For more information, please contact the Council's Electoral Services on 020 8496 3000 or email electoral.services@walthamforest.gov.uk



Discover Your Local Children Centre

Children Centres are a great place for under 5's to learn, play and enjoy. They also offer a wide-range of services and activities to children 0-5 years and their families.

Waltham Forest has 17 Children Centres across the borough which provide a one-stop shop for all you need to know about:

- Affordable childcare
- Registered childminders in your area
- Agencies to support you and your family
- Links to JobCentre Plus and training sessions
- Family fun with activities

Every family with children under 5 in Waltham Forest is invited to register at their nearest Children Centre to take advantage of the many services and activities being offered.

Your local Children Centre can support your family by providing information on:

Early Years Education and Childcare

Your local Children Centre offers a wealth of information on early years education and childcare to ensure your child is ready to flourish when they go to school. Find out about:

- Information on affordable high-quality childcare through nurseries and childminders.
- Advice on how to access funding for early years education.
- Early year's advice for families with children who have additional needs.

Family Support and Outreach Services

Friendly staff will be on hand to provide guidance on parenting and supporting your child in their development. Families can enjoy a range of activities including:

- Music sessions for under 5's
- Stay and play sessions
- Parent and toddler groups
- Storytelling time sessions



Children and Family Health Services

Children Centres have a team of health professionals specially trained in supporting young children and their families.

The team provide sessions on:

- Healthy eating with the dietician
- Breast feeding with the midwife
- Rhyme time with the speech and language therapist
- Baby clinics with the health visitor

Therefore if you need any health advice please drop by.



Find Your Local Children Centre:

Chingford / Highams Park

Chingford Hall Primary School and Children Centre
Burnside Avenue, Chingford, E4 8YJ
Tel: 020 8527 7310

Ridgeway Park Children Centre
82 Peel Close, Chingford, E4 6XQ
Tel: 020 8529 3885

Yardley Primary School and Children Centre
Hawkwood Crescent, Chingford, E4 7PH
Tel: 020 8523 7382 / 020 8529 3671

Walthamstow

Chapel End Early Years Centre
Brookcroft Road, Walthamstow, E17 4LH
Tel: 020 8527 9192

Church Hill Nursery School and Children Centre
Woodbury Road, Walthamstow, E17 9LG
Tel: 020 8520 4919

Higham Hill Children Centre
313 Billet Road, Walthamstow, E17 5PX
Tel: 020 8527 1737

The Lloyd Park Children Centre
Winns Avenue Entrance, Lloyd Park, Walthamstow, E17 5JW
Tel: 020 8531 9522

Low Hall Nursery School and Children Centre
We are based at two sites – Low Hall Nursery School and Queens Road Community Centre.

Children Centre site
Queens Road Community Centre, 215 Queens Road, Walthamstow, E17 8PJ
Tel: 020 8496 2442

For nursery education and childcare for 3-5 year olds please contact:

Low Hall Nursery School
Low Hall Lane, London, E17 8BE
Tel: 020 8520 1689

Mission Grove Primary School and Children Centre
Buxton Road, Walthamstow, E17 7EJ
Tel: 020 8520 3487

Woodside School and Children Centre
Wood Street, Walthamstow, E17 3JX
Tel: 020 8509 4375

Leyton/Leytonstone

Acacia Children Centre - Children Centre Services
8 Cathall Road, Leytonstone, E11 4LF
Tel: 020 8496 2960

Acacia Children Centre
Cecil Road, Leytonstone, E11 3HE
Tel: 020 8558 4444

Barclay Primary School and Children Centre
Canterbury Road, Leyton, E10 6EJ
Tel: 020 8518 7015

Davies Lane Primary School and Children Centre
Davies Lane, Leytonstone, E11 3DR
020 8539 2466

Mayville Primary School and Snowberry Children Centre
1 Snowberry Close, Leytonstone, E15 2AH
Tel: 020 8534 3683

Newport Primary School and Children Centre
Dawlish Road, Leyton, E10 6PJ
Tel: 020 8539 4552

Riverley & Sybourne Children Centre Services
Community Place, 806 High Road, Leyton, E10 6AE
Tel: 020 8558 8421

Riverley Primary School and Children Centre
Park Road, Leyton, E10 7BZ
Tel: 020 8558 9597

Sybourne Infant School and Children Centre
2A Perth Road, Leyton, E10 7PB
Tel: 020 8558 9597



Information and Support in Returning to Work

Children Centres also play an important role in supporting parents and carers in returning to work through:

- Advice drop-in sessions from Job Centre Plus on how to get back to work and training
- Money management and advice sessions
- General information

Register with your nearest Children Centre and benefit from services and activities.

Call 020 8496 3000 and ask for the Family Information Service for details of your nearest Children Centre and further information.

Details are also available online
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/childrens-centres

Our Safety

In brief

Police bust closes drug den

Police closed a suspected Walthamstow drug house as part of an operation to clamp down on drug-fuelled anti-social behaviour in the area.

The raid happened after increasing concerns from residents about the high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour emanating from the xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx, which is operating as a pound shop.

This is the second venue of its type that has been closed by the High Street Safer Neighbourhood Team after it targeted xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx, with partners from Operation Trident and Waltham Forest Council's Anti-Social Behaviour team on 20 November last year.

- For more information about anti social behaviour contact the Council's anti social behaviour team on 020 8496 3000.



Anti-social behaviour

Nearly 300 cases of anti-social behaviour were dealt with by Waltham Forest last year.

Officers secured 10 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in court, issued 36 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and issued 240 official warnings to people about their behaviour.

Anti-social behaviour is aggressive, intimidating and unpleasant behaviour that affects another person's quality of life. Waltham Forest Council and its partners are determined to stamp it out and improve the quality of life for all borough residents.

- For more information and to report anti social behaviour ring the Council's anti-social behaviour team on 020 8496 3000 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk

Stop and search

Young people from Waltham Forest have started monitoring stop and search patrols as part of a scheme designed to reduce tension between police and communities.

The groundbreaking scheme, run by the Council, saw members of the borough's Youth Independent Advisory Group train the police's Territorial Support Group in conducting the searches in a less confrontational way.

The young people, aged between 14 and 19, also observed police officers carrying out the stops and provided feedback on ways the procedures could be improved.

- For more information contact the Youth Independent Advisory Group on 020 8496 3000.



Drug users are advised to get treatment to help them quit their habit

Warning over contaminated drugs

- First case of anthrax in England confirmed in London heroin user
- Doctors say it is 'extremely' unlikely that the disease will spread

The first case of anthrax in England has been confirmed in a heroin user from London, following a number of deaths amongst drug users in Scotland.

Several people have died north of the border from anthrax, which was believed to have come from using contaminated heroin.

Doctors say there is little risk to the general population and the disease can be treated by antibiotics, but are urging heroin users to minimise the risk of accidental poisoning

by seeking treatment from drug agencies to help them kick their habit.

Those that cannot, or will not, quit are being warned to keep a close eye out for symptoms of anthrax infection.

The symptoms include: severe swelling or redness around a wound, severe flu like symptoms, and pain around areas that have already been injected. Anyone who has developed these symptoms should contact their GP immediately.

Anthrax is a rare and

serious bacterial infection that is acquired when spores of the anthrax bacterium get into the body.

The spores can be found in soil but may also be present in contaminated supplies of street drugs.

Drug users may become infected through injecting the contaminated drugs into the skin and muscles or through injecting the drugs into the bloodstream.

It may also be possible to become infected through the lungs by inhaling or smoking contaminated drugs.

How to reduce your risk of getting the infection:

- There is no way to tell if a supply of heroin (or other drugs) is contaminated with anthrax.
- Drug users currently in drug treatment should stop using heroin altogether.
- Heroin users not in drug treatment should stop using heroin if possible and talk to a doctor or someone at a drug service about starting on a prescribed alternative drug (such as methadone or buprenorphine) or other treatment options.
- If a person is going to continue to use heroin then they should always use a clean needle and syringe and contact a doctor immediately if they show signs of infection.
- For help with addiction contact the Drug Action Team on 020 8496 3000.

Golden opportunities for businesses

A networking event for local businesses in Waltham Forest

FREE

As part of a joint initiative by BT PLC, London Business Network (LBN), Supply London and East London Business Place, and supported by Waltham Forest Council and the Waltham Forest Business Board, local businesses are invited to attend a networking event where they can find out about:

- what opportunities there are in 2012;
- how to get free advice on applying for public sector contracts; and
- how BT can help your business take the competitive advantage.

Event details

Date: 17 March 2010

Time: 10.30am–2pm

Venue: Olympics Suite, Third Floor
Leyton Orient Football Club Stadium
Brisbane Road, Leyton E10 5NE
(Use reception entrance on Oliver Road)

RSVP: To register or for more information, please contact Caroline Small at Supply London on 020 8596 5143 or email Caroline.Small@pera.com

Agenda

10.30am	Introduction
10.35-11.05	Why is BT an official partner for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and what does this mean to the local community?
11.05-11.45	Prepare to win with registration on CompeteFor (Presented by London Business Network).
11.45-12.00	Questions and coffee break
12.00-1.00	Free expert support available for local businesses. (Presented by Supply London, ELBP and BT local business)
1.00-1.10	Question and answers
1.10-2.00	Meet and network

Transport

Buses: 69, 158 and 97 from Leyton High Road, get off near Coronation Gardens.

Nearest tube station: Leyton on the Central Line. Leyton Orient FC ground is about a five minute walk from the station.

Parking: Off street parking is available in the area.

Participating Organisations: Waltham Forest Council, Waltham Forest Business Board, BT PLC, London Business Network (LBN), Supply London (Project part-financed by the European Union), North London Business and East London Business Place.




Get involved!

Want to have fun, stay positive and learn?

The Leyton extended youth offer is a youth club service for 13 to 25 year olds.

What's on offer?

- ➔ Music production and music business course
- ➔ Mirror image accredited course (skills for life development)
- ➔ Fun outings
- ➔ Weekly workshops
- ➔ Computers with free internet access
- ➔ Advice on training, employment and skills
- ➔ Computer games chill out zone (Wii, PS3)

When

Fridays

- ➔ Leyton Youth Centre
Crawley Road
Leyton, E10 6PY
5pm – 9.30pm

Saturdays

- ➔ Cyber Link
51 Beaumont Road
Leyton, E10 5DE
5pm – 9.30pm

Interested? Call Stanton on 0208 539 1660




Paying for council services with debit and credit cards

Online payments

Our online payments section on the Council's website has been given a makeover. Some of the pages may look slightly different but the way you pay online is the same. The process is still completely secure. This is shown by the 'https://' appearing at the start of the web address. To make an online payment, please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/pay

Telephone payments

A new automated telephone payments system is being introduced for paying Council Tax, housing rents, benefit overpayments, business rates, and general invoices (sundry debts). Just call Waltham Forest Direct (WFD) on **020 8496 3000** and select the option for payments. The service is quick and easy to use. For other payments, please phone WFD on the same number and an adviser will take your payment for you.



Working together to tackle anti-social behaviour

Waltham Forest Council and the police work together to share information and take action to stop anti-social behaviour.

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of selfish and unacceptable activity that can blight the quality of community life.

Anti-social behaviour doesn't just make life unpleasant. It can ruin lives and make areas feel unsafe.

Anti-social behaviour includes things such as:

- Teenagers hanging around on the streets
- Rubbish or litter lying around
- Vandalism, graffiti and deliberate damage to property or vehicles
- Noisy neighbours or loud parties
- Abandoned or burnt out vehicles
- People using or dealing drugs
- People being drunk or rowdy in public places

The Council recognises that anti-social behaviour is a serious problem that affects the quality of life of individuals, families and communities. We're committed to tackling anti-social behaviour. To support you we will:

- Take your complaint seriously and thoroughly investigate it
- Treat all information you give us with confidence and in accordance with legal requirements
- Provide you with appropriate support, working with our partners and other service providers where possible
- Consider the full range of criminal and civil legal actions that may be taken against the people causing the problem
- Arrange for any abusive, obscene or threatening graffiti to be removed within one working day of it being reported to us

If the problem is an obvious one, we may be able to sort it out easily. For example, if you tell us about an overgrown, rubbish-filled garden we can go round and check. Our anti-social behaviour officers or highways enforcement officers will tell the other person to get it cleaned up and take whatever action is needed.

Where to go for help

Report anti-social behaviour by:

Calling Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000, and asking to speak to the anti-social behaviour team.

Visiting one of our Waltham Forest Direct shops located at:

- 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP
- 137 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17 4RT
- 774-776 High Road, Leyton, E10 6AE
- 819 High Road, Leytonstone, E11 1HQ

Contacting your housing provider

If you are an Ascham Homes tenant, or a tenant of another housing provider, then you must report the anti-social behaviour issue that you are experiencing to them.

If you live in privately rented or privately owned accommodation, you can report your problems to the housing advice team.

Working together

Over the next few weeks the Council and the police will be visiting residents to talk about the work they do together to tackle anti-social behaviour, we can help you to find out what you can do and how to get help.

Waltham Forest Council Anti-social behaviour results 2009

Anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs)	Acceptable behaviour contracts (ABCs)	Alcohol Restriction Zones (ARZ) <i>Areas where the police can confiscate or dispose of alcohol</i>	Dispersal Zones <i>Areas suffering from persistent anti-social behaviour where the police can disperse groups of two or more people.</i>	Warning letters	Fixed penalty notices issued for offences including littering, graffiti and dog fouling.
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**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Working together for a safer London



BANKRUPTCY It's a **SERIOUS** issue!

If you don't pay your Council Tax or Business Rates you could face bankruptcy or even prison.

Waltham Forest Council has continued to crack down on those people who have tried to avoid paying their Council Tax and Business Rates. So far this year, **23 residents and sole traders who owed over £260,000 have been made bankrupt**. A further 200 have had bankruptcy action started against them.

Bankruptcy is a serious matter:

- Anyone who is made bankrupt will immediately have their bank accounts frozen.
- Their assets, including their homes, can be sold to settle their debts.
- They will have to pay thousands of pounds in legal costs and because their credit rating is seriously affected they will find it extremely hard to get any credit for years to come.

Residents who owe large council tax debts now also face the threat of being sent to prison for up to 90 days.

Committal action is being taken in conjunction with the Waltham Forest Magistrates Court against those who wilfully refuse to pay.

Waltham Forest Council will use all the powers of enforcement available to ensure that as much Council Tax and Business Rates as possible are paid each year. This is to protect all the services that residents and businesses within the borough benefit from.

Bankruptcy is avoidable

If you owe Council Tax or Business Rates and have received a notice warning you of bankruptcy or committal action you need to **contact the Council now before it's too late**. The threat of this action is very real and should be treated as such.

To make a payment or query, call Waltham Forest Direct on **020 8496 3000**.



Your easy route to all manner of Council services

Did you know you can call one phone number to sort out all manner of queries and problems associated with council services?

Waltham Forest Direct (WFD) can be contacted by ringing 020 8496 3000 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday and is your instant route to a dedicated team of friendly and helpful people who can help you.

They can deal with enquiries about services ranging from waste and recycling to Council Tax.

The call centre is also open outside of the core hours to deal with emergencies such as homelessness, Emergency make safe housing repairs, Emergency social worker, and Environmental Noise abatement officers.

WFD shops can assist with:

- Adult services
- Benefits
- Council Tax
- Environmental Services
- Housing
- Planning and Building Control
- Street and Parking Services
- Waste and Recycling
- Better Neighbourhoods
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Community and voluntary groups
- Consumer Direct
- NHS
- Housing Associations
- Pension Services
- Waltham Forest Credit Union



So if you've got a problem and nobody else can help, why don't you try the WFD Team.

ahead newsletter

For Waltham Forest Council tenants and leaseholders

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Useful numbers

Annual Gas safety checks. If we have written to you with an appointment please contact Julie Brady:
020 8496 2691.

Ascham Direct:
020 8496 4197

Smell gas?
Contact National Grid on
0800 111 999

Antisocial behaviour reporting:
020 8496 4011

Rent hotline:
020 8531 8097

National Domestic violence helpline 24 hour :
0808 2000 247

Women's Trust Advocacy. Provides women-only services to women who have been or are affected by domestic violence:
020 7034 0304 or
07747 080946

Citizens Advice Bureau:
Walthamstow:
0844 826 9696 or
Leytonstone:
020 8988 9620

Walker jumps the streets

Sarah Walker is a vibrant 14 year-old girl, who has lived with her family on the Priory Court estate since the age of eight. Sarah used to be known for her antisocial activities, getting into fights and using street slang.

Now having turned away from antisocial behaviour Sarah is a different person. The staff of Met Track, the community-focused branch of the Metropolitan Police, have encouraged her developing motivation.

Since 2008 young people across the borough have attended these after school and summer activities, aimed at developing young peoples' athletic skills and self-esteem. Ascham Homes' Resident Involvement team have been working closely with Met Track and contributed £5,000 of funding.

PC Loraine Verghese, Waltham Forest's Met Track Co-ordinator said: "I firmly believe that engaging young people through these types of activity really does give them alternatives to antisocial behaviour, mostly borne out of boredom and frustration."

"The Met Track programme isn't just about encouraging athletics or sporting prowess, it goes much deeper. Young people identify with a group and develop their skills not only in sport but who they are becoming as people. I have personally seen Sarah and a lot of other young people go from strength to strength and take great pride in their achievements."

Sarah said: "I really enjoy athletics, but my best is the long jump. I used to hang out on the streets, causing trouble on my estate and getting into fights with kids from my school. Coming to the athletics, keeps me off the streets, I come twice a week and I also do street dancing. When I am older I want to go to college and study dance." To find out more contact Rubeena Amanullah on 020 8496 4966.



Resident Involvement needs you!

Ascham Homes invites you to get involved in any aspect of our services, from community events to Board governance. Signing up to the Residents Involvement Register will provide you with the opportunity to influence and shape our services.

Alethea Lewis is a Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) representative of the Montague Action Committee in Leytonstone, who took part in filming our new tenants DVD. Alethea said: "We were given the option of how we wanted to get involved and were given free training including a start-up grant to set up a TRA. I believe that residents can make a difference to their estates and communities."

If you would find out more please contact our Resident Involvement team on 020 8496 4934 or 020 8496 4038, or email resident.involvement@aschamhomes.org.uk to request a form. Alternatively, visit our website at www.aschamhomes.org.uk to download it.










Domestic violence

Ascham Homes takes incidents of domestic violence very seriously. In dealing with cases of domestic violence, we adopt a survivor-centred approach. If you or someone you know, are a victim of domestic violence our Tenant Services Officers can help, call us in confidence on 020 8496 4197. Reporting will be treated seriously in a non-judgmental manner.

In an emergency call 999

Victim Support: 020 8988 8690

Report It: 020 8558 6928

Our performance for the month of December 2009	Current performance	Status
Estate inspections: We aim to make sure 99% of estates inspected achieve a grade A or B for cleanliness	99.9%	
Leasehold service charge collection: We aim to collect 100% of Service Charges	110.5%	
Rent collection: We aim to collect 98%	97.3%	
Right to repairs: We aim to complete 98.5% of urgent repairs on time	99.2%	
Repair appointments made and kept: We aim to make and keep appointments for 98% repairs	98.5%	
Average time to complete repairs: We aim to complete responsive repairs in 9 days	4.87 days	
Repairs right first time: We aim to complete 80% of repairs 'right first time'	91.5%	
Resident satisfaction with day to day repairs: We aim to achieve 90% satisfaction for day to day repairs	88.9%	
Resident satisfaction with major works: We aim to achieve 90% satisfaction for major works completed	98.1%	
In December the overall performance is 73% of Indicators achieving a green status		



Knocking down virtual walls

Our website offers online services that are read aloud. This technology is aimed at residents with visual impairment and / or literacy difficulties.

Visit www.aschamhomes.org.uk to request a repair, check your rent statement, pay rent, look at the Decent Homes Programme, find information and news about our services.

Council Leaseholder news

For Leaseholders who lease their property from Waltham Forest Council

Gas Safety checks

It is extremely important that gas appliances are inspected and serviced at least once a year. This is to make sure that they work safely and efficiently and are not a cause of danger to you, your family or your neighbours. As well as keeping you and your neighbours safe from carbon monoxide poisoning or gas explosions, having your gas appliances serviced every year can also save you money by making sure the appliances are working efficiently.

Also, please be aware that if you have let your property you, as landlord, are subject to the Gas Safety (Installation and use) Regulations 1998, which state that it is a legal requirement that you carry out an annual gas safety check to all gas appliances within your ownership.

The ‘Gas Safe Register’ has replaced CORGI in Great Britain and the Isle of Man. The register exists to protect you, your family, and your property from dangerous gas work. By law, anyone carrying out work on gas installations and appliances in your home must be on the Gas Safe Register. For more information go to the Gas Safe website at <http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/default.aspx>.

Our heating and gas maintenance partners may be able to help you with gas safety checks. For more information please contact our Decent Homes team on 020 8496 2672. When you have had your gas appliances checked, please send a copy of the gas safety record certificate to the Right to Buy and Leasehold Services team.

You said, so we did...

You said: you wanted access to our partner contractors

So we: produced a list of their contact details and the type of work they do. Contact Ascham Direct on 020 8496 4197 and ask for the RTB & Leasehold Services team or email rtb.lease@aschamhomes.org.uk.

You said: you want a Leaseholder handbook

So we: produced a new Leaseholder handbook with members of the leaseholder focus group and gave it the tick scheme logo of approval by residents.

The handbook can be downloaded from our website at www.aschamhomes.org.uk or by emailing rtb.lease@aschamhomes.org.uk. Alternatively, telephone our RTB & Leasehold Services team on 020 8496 4197 to request a copy.



**Offenders
are being
FINED and
PROSECUTED**

**WE'RE WIPING
OUT ENVIRO-CRIME**

ZER **TOLERANCE**

**towards littering,
fly-tipping, graffiti
and dog fouling
in our borough**

With an enhanced enforcement team and vigilant residents across the borough, time is running out for those who continue to deface our streets. We are taking a zero tolerance approach to littering, fly-tipping, graffiti and dog fouling offenders.

We launched the Wiping out enviro-crime campaign just over a year ago as we know cleaner streets are a top priority. Since then we have taken the steps below to crack down on enviro-crime offenders and will continue to enforce against the people that blight our streets.

We have:

- Introduced an out of hours enforcement team focused on fly-tipping
- Recruited eight new enforcement officers
- Prosecuted and named and shamed more than 40 people
- Issued at least 650 fixed penalty notices for enviro-crime offences
- Recovered more than £30,000 in fines, costs and fixed penalties from offenders

Report enviro-crime, call **020 8496 3000** or visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wipeitout



Family Information Service

A confidential service providing free and impartial information and support to families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to 25 for people with disabilities.

Ask us about:

- Childminders
- Day Nurseries
- Children Centres
- Crèches
- Pre-schools
- Parent and Toddler groups
- After School and Breakfast Clubs
- Holiday Playschemes
- Extended services

We also provide support and information on:

- Working Tax Credits and Child Tax Credit
- Free part-time early education places for 3 to 4 year-olds
- Special needs inclusion
- Working with children
- Training opportunities
- Becoming a registered childminder or opening a childcare provision

Phone: 020 8496 3000

Email: wffis@walthamforest.gov.uk

Website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/fis

Public Notices

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST FOREST ROAD, E17 – BANNED TURNS INTO FERNHILL COURT AND WINSBEACH The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) Traffic Order 2010

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 19th February 2010 the London Borough of Waltham Forest made The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) Traffic Order 2010, under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to indefinitely continue the provisions of the experimental banned left turn and right turn by vehicles from Forest Road into;

(i) Fernhill Court

(ii) Winsbeach

between the hours of 7.30 am and 9.30 am on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

3. Copies of the Order, which will come into operation on 23rd February 2010 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at:- (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Order, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 22nd February 2010
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,
Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,
London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST NEW LOADING BAY – HIGH ROAD, LEYTON The Waltham Forest (Free Goods Vehicles Loading Places) (No. 1) Traffic Order 2010

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 19th February 2010 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce a loading place for the use of goods vehicles, operating 10am to 4pm Mondays to Saturdays, with a maximum stay period of 1 hour on the south-west side of High Road, Leyton, close to its junction with Lyttelton Road.

3. Copies of the Order, which will come into operation on 8th March 2010 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at:- (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 247 GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 1999

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST hereby gives notice that it is proposed to make an Order under section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act ("the Act") as amended by section 270 and Schedule 22 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to authorise the stopping up of the highways described in the First Schedule, namely that highway known as Temple Mills Lane Leyton, London E10.

IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised in order to enable the development described in the schedule of this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted by the London Development Agency under Part III of the Act by the Olympic Delivery Authority on 28 September 2007 under reference number 07/090010/0UMODA.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND RELEVANT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED at all reasonable hours during 28 days commencing on 22 February 2010 at the offices of London Borough of Waltham Forest, Sycamore House, Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 and may be obtained free of charge (quoting reference number LE/MAK/62362) from the address stated.

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of the proposed Order within the period of 28 days commencing on 22 February 2010 by notice to the London Borough of Waltham Forest, quoting the above reference, at the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Legal Services, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, London E17 4JA, quoting reference number LE/MAK/62362.

In preparing an objecting it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be imparted to other persons who may be affected by it and those persons may wish to communicate with the objector about it.

This notice is given by virtue of section 253 of the above Act as amended by section 247 and Schedule 22 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

Terry Osborne
Director of Governance and Law
London Borough of Waltham Forest
Waltham Forest Town Hall
Forest Road
London E17 4JA

THE FIRST SCHEDULE Areas of Highway to be stopped up

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Tender

INVITATION TO TENDER London Borough of Waltham Forest Children & Young People Directorate EXTENDED SCHOOLS 2010 SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

Expressions of Interest to tender are invited for the provision of a range of stimulating summer projects for children and young people aged 5-13 years in Waltham Forest, as part of the Extended Schools 2010 summer holidays activities programme. Activities should be delivered over a period of 4 weeks maximum.

Contracts will be for the delivery of a variety of positive activities (see list below) for children and young people across North (Chingford), Central (Walthamstow) and South (Leyton/ Leytonstone) areas. Organisations may bid for one or more strands, up to the maximum contract values indicated:

- Multi sport and open spaces activities in partnership with Green Space – up to £39,000 for North, South and Central areas
- Arts and Crafts - up to £15,000 for Central and South areas
- Performing Arts & Dance - up to £15,000 for Central and South areas
- Centralised booking, registration and co-ordination service for all three activities strands as listed above - up to £12,000

Organisations will need to operate in compliance with the Council's safeguarding and staff vetting policies and procedures, and utilise/co-operate with the agency operating the centralised booking and registration system.

Tender evaluation criteria: contract will be awarded to organisations submitting the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT) on the basis of 60% quality / 40% price. The evaluation criterion is as follows:

- Track record of experience
- Resources/staffing arrangements
- Capacity to deliver
- Management approach
- Financial robustness
- Flexibility

For full specifications and further details - please contact:

Susanne Baccini
Contracts & Commissioning Team,
Children & Young People Services
Email Susanne.baccini@walthamforest.gov.uk

General Enquiries: telephone 020 8496 3212

Deadline for Expressions of Interest:

Friday 26 February 2010

Closing date for submission of tenders:

Noon on Friday 12 March 2010

Evaluation of Tenders: **mid March 2010**

Notice



STATUTORY NOTICE

An Enlargement of the premises of a school

Proposal to expand George Tomlinson Primary School by One Form of Entry

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that London Borough of Waltham Forest intends to make a prescribed alteration to George Tomlinson Primary School, (community school), Vernon Road, Leytonstone, E11 4QU from 01 September 2011.

The proposal for George Tomlinson Primary School is to expand the school to increase the physical capacity by one form of entry.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 400. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from:

Katherine Dunlop
School Organisation, Partnership and Development
PO Box 416, Silver Birch House
Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane
Walthamstow, E17 5SD
Web: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/georgetomlinson-statnotice
Email: Katherine.Dunlop@walthamforest.gov.uk Tel: 020 8496 8250

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:

Sandra Mohamed,
School Organisation, Consultation and Governance Manager
School Organisation, Partnership and Development
PO Box 416, Silver Birch House
Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane
Walthamstow, E17 5SD.

Signed:

Chris Kiernan
Executive Director, Children and Young People Services

Publication Date: 22 February 2010

Explanatory Notes:

1. It is anticipated that some degree of building works to facilitate the proposal will be carried out to the school site and building.

Recruitment

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES

Waltham Forest Community Learning and Skills Service is the local authority's direct provider of adult education and work-based training. We are looking to appoint experienced, enthusiastic and committed individuals to the following posts:

PART-TIME LECTURERS

Ref: CLaSS/PTL/CA

Hours available range from 2 hours a week upwards, including evening and weekends – (Equivalent hourly rate £20.43 - £28.51) Pro rata salary £19,267 - £26,888

CLaSS has vacancies in the following subject areas. Please note that since September 2007, all staff new to teaching in the post-16 sector are required to pass the Certificate in Preparing to Teach in the LifeLong Learning Sector (PTLLS) within their first year of teaching. This training is offered free to all CLaSS staff.

Art	Family Learning – activities for parents and children together	Numeracy – Entry 1 and Entry 2
Ballroom	Family Learning – Working with Fathers	Paediatric First Aid
Beauty Treatments	First Aid at Work	Parenting
Bollywood Dance	Food Safety	Pottery
Business Administration, Level 3	Health and Social Care	Salsa
Childcare	Health and Safety	Self-Affirmation
Customer Service	ICT to 16-24 year olds	Street Dance
Diploma in Home Based Childcare (all levels)	Jazz/Jive	Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools – NVO, Level 2
Drama for Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities	Literacy	Tango
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	Literacy to 16-18 year olds	Turkish
Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy (FLN)	Louise Hay Counselling	Youth Work
	Mentoring	

CLaSS also has vacancies for Art Models (clothed and unclothed) at a rate of £8.10 per hour. Hours available range from 2 hours a week upwards, including evenings and weekends.

QUALIFIED ASSESSORS AND INTERNAL VERIFIERS

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Qualified Assessors and Internal Verifiers with A1 and/or V1 qualifications and occupational competence for NVQs Level 1, 2 and 3 in the following subjects:

Children's Care Learning and Development (CCLD)	Health and Social Care	Play Work
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (STLS)		

CURRICULUM COORDINATOR 0.5 – LEARNERS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND DISABILITIES PROGRAMME

Management Spine Scale 2 £33,301.00 - £36,071.00 pro-rata (Incl. LW)

We are seeking an experienced and committed individual who can lead on the development of high quality and relevant programmes for Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities and drive forward the Service's commitment to access and achievement for all.

LECTURERS WITH ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES 0.5 X 4 POSTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Lecturer Scale point 9-14 £27,979.00 - £33,414.00 pro-rata (Incl. LW)

Art and Fine Art, Business and Administration, Childcare, Fashion and Textiles

We are looking for four experienced, well-qualified, committed staff to take on a senior lecturer role involving a range of duties, including full teaching duties, assessing and internal verifying, in addition to supporting the delivery and quality improvement of the programme, within the above areas of expertise, to meet national standards.

Closing Date – 9:00 a.m., Monday, 15th March 2010

Interviews will be held throughout March and April 2010

For an application form and further details please visit our website at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/jobs Alternately, you can contact 020 8521 2212 or write to CLaSS, Central Administration Team, Chestnuts House, 398 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, London, E17 9AA.

Applications can be sent to the above address or emailed to: Janice.mcgill@walthamforest.gov.uk

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